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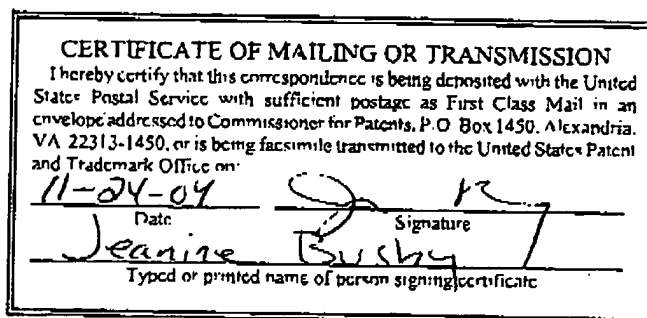
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For: HUMANIZED IMMUNOGLOBULIN REACTIVE WITH $\alpha 4\beta 7$ INTEGRIN



REPLY TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the Requirement for Election of Species dated October 29, 2004, a humanized immunoglobulin or antigen-binding fragment thereof wherein the heavy chain comprises the variable region of SEQ ID NO:19 and the light chain comprises the variable region of SEQ ID NO:21, is elected as the species. Claims readable on the elected species are Claims 53-56 and 59.

Examination of all pending claims on the merits is requested. The Examiner should grant this request because the elected species and the non-elected species of Claims 57 and 60 both comprise the heavy chain variable region of SEQ ID NO:19. Similarly, the elected species and

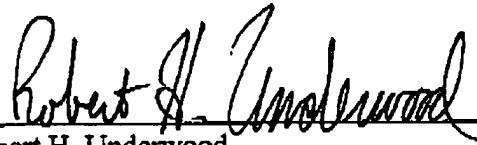
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the non-elected species of Claims 58 and 61 both comprise the light chain variable region of SEQ ID NO:21. Accordingly, examination of the elected species will require that the non-elected species be searched, and there will be no additional search burden on the Examiner if he examines Claims 57, 58, 60 and 61 on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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